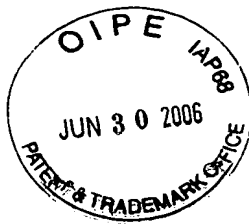


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METHOD OF EVALUATING
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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of May 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.